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1. [ ] the Chinese Communists were suffering severe shortages in rubber, automobile parts, and the type of steel required for the production of rifles. In North and Northeast China 8,300 trucks were unusable because of the parts shortage, and the 90 Arsenal in Peiping had suspended work because of the shortage of this steel. 25X1
2. In Dairen the prices of commodities were high because of the large number of Soviet troops there. The price of gold was JMP 1,500,000 per ounce.<sup>1</sup> Pork cost JMP 9,000 per catty, and beef cost JMP 7,500 per catty. Vegetables were very expensive because most were being shipped to Hsiachiahotzu (1115/1367/3109/1311), a well-known summer residential area where dependents of the Soviet Air Force live.
3. Dairen industries had made considerable progress and employed about 300,000 workers, who were paid with coupons for the purchase of materials rather than in cash. Part of the machinery and equipment of the famous Manchurian electric wire factory<sup>2</sup> had been returned to Dairen and Mukden by the Soviets, but it had not been put into operation because Soviet and Chinese Communist technicians did not know how to operate it [ ]. The Soviets and Chinese Communists wanted to recruit [ ] technicians who formerly had worked in the factory, and this was one of their reasons for being friendly [ ]. 25X1

1. [ ] Comment. The standard weight of an ounce in the Northeast is 36 grams. 25X1

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
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2.  Comment. Possibly this refers to the Manshu Rissei Denki  
Seisakusho KK in Mukden.

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